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1. RE PARA 2 OF REF (1), WE BELIEVE THAT JAPANESE PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN PARA 1 OF TOKYO 8819 REGARDING CONSULTATION IS NOT ADEQUATE FOR OUR PURPOSES. ACCORDINGLY, WE WOULD LIKE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE FOR PARA 3 OF THE NOTES: QUOTE - THE TWO GOVERNMENTS SHALL KEEP EACH OTHER INFORMED AND WHENEVER REQUESTED SHALL CONSULT WITH EACH OTHER ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF THE FOUNDATION, SO THAT THE OBJECTIVES MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 MAY BE ACHIEVED THROUGH EFFECTIVE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. END QUOTE.

2. OUR COMMENTS ON OTHER PARTS OF THE ACT OF ENDOWMENT AND THE RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS FURNISHED THE EMBASSY IN STATE 178654.

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3. RE PARAS 3 AND 4 OF REF (1), WHILE WE THINK THE EMBASSY'S

PROPOSALS IN PARA 4 OF REF WOULD GO A LONG WAY TO ACHIEVING THE BINATIONAL FLAVOR WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THE DOCUMENTS, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD ACCOMPLISH OUR PURPOSE. ACCORDINGLY, WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH BE ADDED TO THE RECORD OF DISCUSSION:

"THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS CONFIRMED THAT IN CONNECTION WITH ARTICLE 12 OF THE ACT OF ENDOWMENT THEY ARE PREPARED TO SELECT THE SAME NUMBERS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE CITIZENS TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS."

4. RE PARA 3 OF REF (1) FYI - WE DO NOT WANT THE LANGUAGE OF THE ORIGINAL JAPANESE PROPOSAL IN THE RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS RESURRECTED BECAUSE IT IS TOO AMBIGUOUS AS TO WHAT THE FULFILLMENT OF OUR WISH WOULD BE.

5. RE PARA 10 OF REF (1) REGARDING THE NEXT MEETING BEING HELD DURING SECOND WEEK OF OCTOBER. MATSUURA HAD EARLIER SUGGESTED THAT NEXT MEETING TAKE PLACE IN TOKYO AROUND OCTOBER (PARA 13 OF TOKYO 9533). HOWEVER, WHOLE MONTH OF OCTOBER FULLY COMMITTED ON AEC BUDGETARY MATTERS FOR BOTH LIVERMAN AND ABBADESSA AS ARE FIRST THREE WEEKS OF SEPTEMBER. IT WAS FOR THIS REASON WE SUGGESTED THE LAST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER. CONSEQUENTLY, NOVEMBER IS NOT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE FOR MEETING.

6. RE GAO AUDIT - UNDER SEPARATE COVER WE ARE SENDING EMBASSY COPY OF A CONTRACT WITH THE ARGENTINE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL AN AGENCY OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT, WHICH THE EMBASSY MIGHT DRAW ON AS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT ABBADESSA REFERRED TO WHEN HE WAS TALKING ABOUT AUDIT RIGHTS. (WE WOULD PREFER THAT THE EMBASSY NOT PASS THIS DOCUMENT ON TO THE JAPANESE SINCE WE HAVE NOT ASKED FOR ARGENTINE APPROVAL TO DO SO.) WHEN THE EMBASSY RECEIVES THIS CONTRACT PLEASE REFER TO ARTICLE B-XIV ON PAGE 12. THE USAEC HAS APPROXIMATELY 15 OTHER CONTRACTS WITH FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS AND THIS CLAUSE IS INCLUDED IN EACH OF THEM. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS SHOULD SERVE AS ADEQUATE PRECEDENT FOR OUR PROPOSAL THAT THE GAO BE GRANTED THE RIGHT IN ONE OF THE THREE CONTROLLING DOCUMENTS TO CONDUCT AUDITS OF THE NEW FOUNDATION.

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7. RE INITIAL CONTRIBUTION OF GOJ AND USG THE NEW INSTITUTE (REF 10948 PARA 5A3), AEC CONCURS IN EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATION AS INITIAL POSITION.

8. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE HAS REQUESTED APPROXIMATELY 1.3 BILLION YEN IN BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR JAPANESE FY 1975. THIS

WITH WHAT THE U.S. AEC HAS IN ITS FY 1975 BUDGET SHOULD BE ADEQUATE FOR THE ABCC PROGRAM UNTIL APRIL 1 WHEN THE NEW INSTITUTE IS EXPECTED TO COME INTO EXISTENCE WITH EQUAL FUNDING FROM BOTH SIDES. THERE ARE TWO UNRESOLVED QUESTIONS WHICH MIGHT AFFECT THE CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS: (A) OUTCOME OF CURRENT WAGE NEGOTIATIONS; AND (B) DECISION CONCERNING STATUS OF ABCC EMPLOYEES UPON TRANSFER TO THE NEW INSTITUTE, AND WHETHER OR NOT FUNDS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR PAYMENT OF TERMINATION ALLOWANCE IF THE DECISION IS MADE TO TERMINATE AND IMMEDIATELY REHIRE.

9. IF NECESSARY, ADVANCE TEAM OF BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL EXPERTS COULD COME TO JAPAN, BUT OUR INITIAL REACTION IS THAT AEC AND NAS REPRESENTATIVES AT ABCC AND WASHINGTON HAVE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION WITHOUT MAKING A SEPARATE VISIT.
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